

ATTACHMENT B

REMARKS

By virtue of the present amendment, the Examiner's suggestion at Page 2 of the Official Action with regard to overcoming the objection to Claim 1 has been adopted, and the subject matter of allowable Claim 8 (indicated as allowable at Page 3 of the Official Action) has been incorporated into Claim 1 so as to make this claim allowable.

Accordingly, without addressing the merits of the Examiner's prior rejections to the claims, those rejections have been made moot in that amended Claim 1 overcomes the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In light of the amendments, amended Claim 1 is thus in condition for allowance, and all of the dependent claims now ultimately depend on amended Claim 1 and are thus allowable as well.

Upon entrance of the present amendment, all outstanding rejections will have been overcome, and thus entrance of the amendment and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

END REMARKS